(a) what are the names of drugs being produced by companies operating under FERA and MRTP whose intermediates and other raw materials are exempted from custom duty or concessional duty allowed;

(b) what was the price of each drug before exemption or concession and what is the present price;

(c) what are the names of drugs being produced from intermediate or penultimate and since when each is produced;

(d) whether production of any drug has been shifted to basic stage;

(e) if so, names of these drugs and since when; and

(f) what are the names of bulk drugs which are exempted from price control and what was the earlier price given in Form-2A and what is the present price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Such details, FERA/MRTP company wise, are not being monitored. While making recommendations or sending proposals for customs duty exemption/concessional duty on intermediates/raw materials to Ministry of Finance, distinctions between MRTP/FERA companies and others are not made.

(c) to (e) These details are not being monitored.

(f) Since such bulk drugs are hundreds in number and are produced by large number of companies with price variations from time to time, the time and labour involved in collection, collation and completion of this voluminous information will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Impending closure of fertilizers units

2279. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have forewarned about the impending closure of its units and the resultng nutrient shortages due to non-payment of subsidy arrears, as reported in the 'Indian Express' (Business Express Section), New Delhi dated the 22nd February, 1992;

(b) if so, the amount at stake;

(c) whether Government are considering extension of interest free credit by the various input supplying organisations for the fertilisers units in the country facing present cash crunch; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Government has seen the Newspaper report of "Indian Express", New Delhi, dated 22nd February, 1992. As against the provision of Rs. 4000 crores for subsidy on fertilizers in the Budget Estimates for 1991-92, the corresponding provision in the Revised Estimates for the year 1991-92 has been enhanced to Rs. 4800 crores. This may result in a spill over of claims of about Rs. 1400 crores to the next year. A Budget provision of Rs. 5000 crores has been made for fertilizer subsidy for the year 1992-93.

The current year's target of production of 100 lakh tonnes of fertilizer nutrients is likely to be achieved to the extent of 98 percent and there will not be any shortage of fertilizer nutrients.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Nitro-phosphate plant

2280. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have realised that the design of Nitro Phosphate Plant itself was unproven and faulty;